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A valve apparatus is equipped with a diaphragm disposed  
displaceably in the interior of a body, and which opens and  
closes a fluid passage by separating away from and being  
seated on a valve seat, a conductive shaft arranged in a  
through hole that is formed substantially in the center of the  
diaphragm, and a grounding member for grounding the  
conductive shaft. Each of the body and the diaphragm is  
formed from a non-conductive material, and one end surface  
of the conductive shaft is exposed to the fluid passage.

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